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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 26 March 2003, Applicants, through their attorney, elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-12 in part, and 18-19, drawn to a therapeutic method for treating Herpes viral infections by therapeutically administering various antiviral compounds.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application claiming the unelected subject matter (i.e., Groups II and III).

A petition and fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), extending the due date for the present response to 26 August 2003, are attached.

An early allowance of the subject application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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